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Majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, best for fast food, with mixed opinions for first of the month and Mother's Day. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and continued to clear well. Wings were sufficient to ample, and breast items were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 02-MAY-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England TFEWR			:	67.91	28
Chicago 66.00-69.00	68.59	41	:	69.10	80
Ohio Cities TFEWR			:	66.12	28
Denver 79.50	79.37	15	:	79.21	17
Detroit 68.00-70.00	69.54	13	:	71.02	59
Los Angeles 80.00	79.55	62	:	76.80	142
New York 71.00-73.00	71.12	26	:	71.94	52
Philadelphia 69.50-71.00	70.33	12	:	70.26	29
Pittsburgh 69.00-72.00	70.91	11	:	72.64	59
St. Louis 67.75-68.00	67.44	20	:	65.52	40
San Francisco 80.50	80.79	34	:	81.14	65

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/02/05	Change/Last Wk	04/25/05	05/03/04
599	72.63	-.39	73.02	77.83

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	72.50-74.00	73.64	32
Central	64.00-75.50	70.22	81
Western	64.00-76.00	73.33	35

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.66	87
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,117	66.00-79.00	72.94

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.00	1,457
BREASTS - B/S	147.00	5,996
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,512
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00	1,100
LEG QUARTERS	36.50	7,709
WINGS	85.50	3,070

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to adequate for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was generally steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenders were available and wings were fully adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment following the weekend was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with hopes that first of the month and upcoming Mother's Day will stimulate interest. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was balanced to short and moving well, aided by export business. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still readily available, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at unchanged to occasionally higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate for trade needs. Buying activity was moderate overall. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearance. Trading reported on parts for this week delivery: leg quarter bulk 38-42.5 and 4/10s 42.5-46, boneless leg meat 94-98, boneless thigh meat generally 102, wings 92-97, breast bone-in 91-104 and boneless 131-137. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 70.15 up .85 with the volume reported at 26 loads -4% compared to last Monday's level.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices into Central Region markets reported unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Market tone on whole fryers was steady. Trade interest was light for the like offerings. All sectors noted movement mostly moderate to fairly good; best into fast food. Floor stocks mixed; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of dark meat cuts remained tight, while white meat lines were increasingly available. The parts market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, about steady on tenders and wings with remaining parts barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, leg items continued to clear well. Boneless/skinless breasts were fully adequate. Bone-in breast were adequate. Wings were fully adequate, instances ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	60-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	75.27
NO. OF BOXES	7,362

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the week and was noted as fair to moderate for first of the month business. Offerings of breast items at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Tenderloins were available. Wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement ranged light to moderate. The market tone was at least steady on dark meat cuts. Breast items were steady to barely steady. Wings were barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
		TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		140	140.63	589,130
TENDERLOINS		160-165	161.40	86,340
BREAST - WITH RIBS		82-83	89.45	81,720
BREAST - LINE RUN		82	82.12	97,520
LEGS		50-51	51.54	161,780
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		37-38	36.48	345,360
DRUMSTICKS		40-41	42.40	88,240
THIGHS		41-42	48.70	46,560
B/S THIGHS		101-102	96.74	91,020
WINGS (WHOLE)		82-83	86.31	124,780
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.04	19,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	30.40	14,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		50-55	44.17	15,880

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,547	117.00-238.00	133-136	137.40
TENDERLOINS	620	155.00-218.00	-	167.22
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,205	33.00-36.00	33-34	33.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,122	36.00-37.00	-	36.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	533	60.00-88.00	68-79	77.25
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,363	38.00-42.00	38-39	38.83

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	05/02	04/28	04/28	04/25	04/21
Alabama	4,088	3,935	5.19	3,962	5.14
Arkansas	5,462	5,408	5.10	5,444	5.08
Delmarva	2,257	2,211	5.59	2,220	5.56
KY-LA-TN	2,204	2,122	4.92	2,166	4.86
Mississippi	2,888	3,081	5.59	3,062	5.61
North Carolina	2,531	2,450	6.58	2,460	6.56
Texas	2,504	2,570	5.27	3,044	4.80
Total	21,934	21,777	5.40	22,358	5.32
Mon	21,934(A)			22,358(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-May 2005 is estimated to be 32,816,000 down 2.19 percent from a week ago. and up 4.2 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,550,000 last year 31,501,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	740	118.00-150.00	122-126	124.95
TENDERLOINS	173	160.00-180.00	160-164	161.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	82.00-89.00	82-85	84.15
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	58	47.00-58.00	-	49.90
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	34.00-37.00	35-36	35.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	36.00-40.00	37-38	38.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	68.00-88.00	81-83	81.90
WINGS (CUT)	310	88.00-99.00	97-99	96.87
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	90	94.00-110.00	-	103.56

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 02, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.50 - 58.00	54.05	55.54

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 02-06-MAY-2005. CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	121.00 - 154.00	131.00 - 141.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 106.00	84.00 - 89.00
LEGS	52.00 - 57.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34.00 - 44.00	35.00 - 38.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	36.00 - 46.00	38.00 - 40.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 55.00	-
THIGHS	41.00 - 57.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	68.00 - 90.00	83.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.5-98.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90-102
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 29, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	24.50-27.00	320,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.06		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.50-30.00	20.00-25.00	1,608,000	1,248,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.90	23.33		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 29, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	24.00	26.00	121,600	40,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.00	26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	23.00-29.00	18.00-26.00	1,944,800	400,000
WTD AVERAGE	25.85	21.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-15.5	11.5-13.5	12.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading leves were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-15.75	11.75-13	12.65

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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